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## EnviroDevelopment cracks Mackay with eyes on North

A residential development in Mackay has delivered a new milestone today (21 April) for the EnviroDevelopment initiative – the most northern development in Australia to receive certification under the system.

The accreditation of Woodlands Andergrove extends the reach of the EnviroDevelopment brand further up the Queensland coastline, with all 31 other certified projects scattered through the more southern parts of the state and country.

National EnviroDevelopment Manager Kirsty Chessher said Woodlands Andergrove would pave the way for future projects in the Central and Northern parts of Queensland to submit their sustainable developments for recognition via the accreditation system.

“Qualifying for accreditation in all 6 of the available EnviroDevelopment elements – ecosystems, waste, energy, materials, water and community – Woodlands has positioned itself as a leading-edge model of environmentally sustainable development,” Ms Chessher said.

“As more developers see the possibilities available to them to deliver environmental sustainability in this part of the country, we hope to see an even greater take-up of environmental innovations in development in this region,” she said.

“Woodlands Andergrove has set a new benchmark for Central Queensland and the race is now on for our first EnviroDevelopment project in North Queensland.”

The project is a joint venture between the Queensland Government’s Urban Land Development Authority (ULDA) and Mackay Regional Council who have worked hard to ensure Woodlands will be a truly sustainable community for the region.

Extensive consultation with environmental groups, local residents and the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management has resulted in the preservation of 45 per cent of the natural bushland on the site.

A commitment has been made through a partnership with Ergon Energy to incorporate energy saving devices into the finished built product and will result in a 45 per cent reduction in energy use across the entire development.

In addition to these local members, the development will also endeavour to include the use of apprentices and work experience students as part of an overall ‘train to work’ program across the development.

With the incorporation of environmentally responsive materials and a 55 per cent reduction in water use, including the incorporation of rain-water tanks and water efficiency labelling fitted attachments, the development aims to achieve at least a 7 star rating through the Building Energy Rating Scheme.

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